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## **Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

**November 16, 2015**

**A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, November 16, 2015, at the Milton CHEER Center, 24855 Broadkill Road, Milton, Delaware. The following members were present:**

**Sally Beaumont  
Ruth Ann Beideman  
Michelle Griffith (nonvoting)  
Jamie Magee  
Penny Orndorff**

**Scott Phillips  
Larry Savage  
Francine Shockley  
Fran Smith  
Helen Smith**

### **Call to Order**

**Ruth Ann Beideman, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone on behalf of the Committee.**

### **Approval of Agenda**

**A Motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda as posted. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

**A Motion was made and seconded to approve the bimonthly meeting minutes and Conference Planning Subcommittee meeting minutes of September 21, 2015, as distributed. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.**

### **Correspondence**

**Ms. Beideman reported that she received a phone call from someone requesting information regarding the Delaware State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP) voucher. Ms. Beideman will contact that individual to let them know that they need**



to contact the Delaware Division of Health and Social Services regarding the application process.

### **Old Business**

None to address at this time.

### **New Business**

It was agreed to table discussion regarding the day and time of future Advisory Committee meetings until January.

### **Guest Speakers**

Brandy Nauman, Housing Coordinator and Fair Housing Compliance Officer for Sussex County, as well as Karen Horton , Principal Planner, and Devon Degyansky, Management Analyst, with the Delaware State Housing Authority, were invited to speak on *“Housing Resources for the Senior and Disabled Populations in Sussex County.”* An overview of services was provided and information presented regarding housing options for seniors and persons with disabilities in Sussex County. It was noted that [DelawareHousingSearch.org](http://DelawareHousingSearch.org) contains a listing of properties and rental units available. An impact study is also being conducted to identify low- to moderate-income areas and the needs of individuals as a whole. This study will assist the Delaware State Housing Authority with applying for better direct funding for these areas in the future as well.

### **Public Comment**

- State Representative Harvey Kenton, 36<sup>th</sup> District - thanked the Committee for discussing housing for seniors.
- It was suggested that computers be made available at all senior and CHEER centers (seven CHEER centers already have computers available for their members).
- There is a nonprofit transportation agency for seniors in Sussex County currently housed at the Milton CHEER Center.
- It was recommended that information regarding services for the aging and adults with physical disabilities be provided to community churches.
- Sally Beaumont - thanked Ken Bock, Deputy Director, CHEER, for his involvement and assistance with the latest *LIVE* Conference; next year's conference will also be held at the CHEER Community Center in Georgetown.

- **Al Morris, Delaware Hospice** - introduced intern Brent Miller and suggested getting ideas from other states as to helping seniors to age in place safely.
- **Jamie Magee** – shared that the Alzheimer’s Association will be holding a conference on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at Dover Downs.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, January 25, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown, Delaware.

#### **Adjourn**

Ms. Beideman thanked everyone for attending, and a Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

#### **2015 LIVE Conference Wrap Up**

Immediately following adjournment, lunch was served by the Milton CHEER Center and Sally Beaumont, Conference Planning Subcommittee Chair, gave a brief wrap up of the 2015 *LIVE* Conference. Ms. Beaumont advised there is a balance of \$1,300 after expenses for the 2015 conference have been paid. Students from the University of Delaware also presented results of the survey taken at the conference, and a report of their findings will be sent to Scott Phillips.

Looking ahead to 2016, the Committee agreed that next year’s conference will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at the CHEER Community Center in Georgetown using the same time frame as this year, with the number of vendors being limited to 20. Ruth Ann Beideman will contact Carol Barnett and Jill Rogers with the Delaware Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities regarding sponsorship. It was suggested that the Committee obtain a spot on WBOC’s *DelmarvaLife* program to promote the 2016 conference, and that Ken Bock chair a forum regarding transportation at some point in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Orndorff, Secretary  
Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with  
Physical Disabilities for Sussex County